

PROPOSAL TO LIMIT LEGISLATURE'S POWER TO
RELEASE OR EXTINGUISH DEBTS.

H. J. R. No. 12.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide that the Legislature shall have no power to release or extinguish, or to authorize the releasing or extinguishing, in whole or in part, the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any corporation or individual to this State or to any county or defined subdivision thereof, or other municipal corporation therein, except delinquent taxes which have been due for a period of at least ten years.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 55, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 55. The Legislature shall have no power to release or extinguish, or to authorize the releasing or extinguishing, in whole or in part, the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any corporation or individual, to this State or to any county or defined subdivision thereof, or other municipal corporation therein, except delinquent taxes which have been due for a period of at least ten years."

SEC. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this State qualified to vote on Constitutional Amendments at the General Election in 1932, at which election there shall be printed on each ballot the following:

"For the amendment of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the State, County or defined subdivision thereof, or any other municipal corporation, may be barred from the collection of delinquent taxes after they have been due for a period of at least ten years," and

"Against the amendment of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the State, County or defined subdivision thereof, or any other municipal corporation, may be barred from the collection of delinquent taxes after they have been due for a period of at least ten years."

Every voter shall mark out with pen or pencil the clause which he desires to vote against, or the word "For" or the word "Against," at the beginning of such clause, so as to indicate his vote for or against each of said proposed amendments.

SEC. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and said election shall be held under the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as shall be necessary is hereby appropriated out

of the State Treasury to pay the expenses of the publications and elections provided for in this resolution.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 1931.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MOODY PORTRAIT.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15.

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring,

That the sum not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the Forty-second Legislature to pay for a suitable portrait of Governor Dan Moody, said portrait to be placed in the rotunda of the Capitol with the portraits of the other Governors of Texas. The portrait may be made by any artist agreeable to Governor Dan Moody, and before said portrait is accepted and placed by the Board of Control, such portrait offered shall be approved by Governor Moody.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 1931.

REQUESTING RETURN FROM GOVERNOR OF S. B.
NO. 371.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor be requested to return Senate Bill No. 371 to the Senate in order to have the certificate show the correct vote by which said Bill was finally passed by the House and Senate.

Approved by the Governor, April 29, 1931.

SUGGESTING NIGHT HOUR FOR COSTIGAN ADDRESS.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41.

WHEREAS, the Senate is informed that in response to an invitation, extended by the Texas Legislature some days ago, U. S. Senator Edward P. Costigan, the distinguished Senator from Colorado, will be in Austin on Thursday of this week,